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Amendment to the Specification:

Please amend the specification by inserting the following section entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Application" after the title and before the section entitled "Field of the Invention":

Cross Reference to Related Application

This application claims the benefit of priority to Canadian patent application Serial No. (not yet assigned) of inventor Donald E. Howes, entitled "Lockable Container and Locking Mechanism for Same", and filed on February 13, 2004.

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